RESOLUTION NO. 21-10

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 31, 2020 AS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY 2020

WHEREAS, overdoses can occur in people who have an addiction to substances as well as those who do not, such as someone accidentally overdosing on prescription opioids after a surgery or an injury, an elderly person consuming too much of a prescribed pain reliever, a teenager experimenting with illegal drugs for the first time, or a child ingesting opioid pills or powders from a home medicine cabinet or other storage location; and

WHEREAS, as in many communities throughout the country, the national opioid epidemic poses a significant threat to public health and safety in the State of Delaware, including the Town of Millville, and overdoses related to opioids are affecting more family members, neighbors and friends than ever before; and

WHEREAS, opioids are a class of highly addictive drugs used to reduce pain and include prescription opioids like oxycodone and hydrocodone, as well as illegal opioids like heroin; and

WHEREAS, residents can help prevent overdose deaths by being aware of the signs and knowing how to respond to overdose, and the State of Delaware has taken great measures to make Naloxone (Narcan) available for Delaware residents and the police departments, fire departments, and first-responders, as well as provide permanent prescription drop box locations and continue quarterly drug take-back days so residents can dispose of unused medicines and prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Millville will recognize International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2020, and fly the flag at half-staff to call additional attention to drug overdoses - especially involving opioids - and reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and thereby bring awareness to the problem of opioid addiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Millville that the Town of Millville does hereby recognize August 31, 2020, as:

"INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY 2020"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizen of the Town of Millville are encouraged to observe this day via appropriate activities, including learning of the signs and best responses to overdose.

I, Barbara Ryer, Secretary of the Town Council of the Town of Millville, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Millville at its meeting held on **August 25**, **2020**, at which a quorum was present and voting throughout and that the same is still in full force and effect.

BARBARA RYER, SECRETARY

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